

**INSTRUCTION**Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance shall be recited daily at the beginning of the school day in each classroom of the division with the flag of the United States appropriately displayed in each such classroom. During the recitation of the pledge students shall stand and recite the Pledge while facing the flag with their right hands over their hearts or in an appropriate salute if in uniform. No student shall be compelled to recite the pledge if either the student, his parent, or his legal guardian objects on religious, philosophical, or other grounds to participating. Students not participating shall remain quietly standing or sitting at their desks while others recite the Pledge and shall make no display that distracts or disrupts others who are participating. Appropriate accommodations shall be made for students unable to comply with these procedures due to disability.

Instruction shall be provided in the division as to the history and the principles of the flags of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia and shall include the Pledge of Allegiance and the appropriate etiquette and conventions for respecting the dignity and appropriate display of such flags.

Editor's Note

**Legal Reference:** Through June 30, 2002

**Code of Va., §22.1-202, Instruction in history and principles of flags of United States and Virginia; pledge of allegiance to American flag; guidelines developed by the Board.** (2001)

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